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PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH, FEBRUARY AND MARCH, 1921.

The accompanying table is reprinted from the Statistical Bulletin of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., for April, 1921. It presents the mortality data of the industrial department of the company for the months of February and March, 1921, and for the year 1920. The figures are based on a strength of approximately 13,000,000.

Although these rates apply to a more or less selected group, they are very good indices of the comparative mortality conditions of the general population.

Death rates (annual basis) per 100,000 for principal causes, February and March, 1921, and year 1920.

[Industrial Department, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.]

Cause of death.	Death rate per 100,000 lives exposed.		
	March, 1921.	February, 1921.	Year 1920.
Total, all causes	1,015.0	936.2	968.4
Typhoid fever	3.1	4.0	6.5
Measles	5.9	4.3	8.3
Scarlet fever	9.5	10.1	5.9
Whooping cough	6.2	5.7	6.5
Diphtheria	24.4	27.3	21.6
Influenza	17.1	12.7	52.3
Tuberculosis (all forms)	133.9	122.7	135.0
Cancer	73.0	65.7	68.3
Meningitis (all forms)	6.4	5.2	5.1
Cerebral hemorrhage	68.1	62.2	60.1
Organic diseases of heart	139.9	126.8	114.6
Pneumonia (all forms)	120.9	106.7	103.9
Other respiratory diseases	17.8	17.0	17.8
Diarrhea and enteritis	8.8	10.3	15.5
Bright's disease	74.2	74.8	69.4
Puerperal state	24.3	21.4	22.5
Suicides	6.1	7.4	6.0
Homicides	4.9	5.6	5.7
Other external causes (excluding suicides and homicides)	44.7	46.0	58.1
Traumatism by automobile	7.4	6.8	10.9
All other causes	225.7	200.1	185.3

DEATHS DURING WEEK ENDED APR. 30, 1921.

Summary of information received by telegraph from industrial insurance companies for week ended Apr. 30, 1921, and corresponding week, 1920. (From the "Weekly Health Index," May 3, 1921, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.)

	Week ended Apr. 30, 1921.	Corresponding week, 1920.
Policies in force	46,697,361	42,701,023
Number of death claims	8,410	9,123
Death claims per 1,000 policies in force	9.4	11.1

Deaths from all causes in certain large cities of the United States during the week ended Apr. 30, 1921, infant mortality, annual death rate, and comparison with corresponding week of preceding years. (From the "Weekly Health Index," May 3, 1921, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.)

City.	Estimated population, July 1, 1921.	Week ended Apr. 30, 1921.		Average annual death rate per 1,000. ¹	Deaths under 1 year.		Infant mortality rate, week ended Apr. 30, 1921. ³
		Total deaths.	Death rate. ¹		Week ended Apr. 30, 1921.	Previous year or years. ²	
Akron, Ohio.....	229,195	25	5.7	12.7	4	46	38
Albany, N. Y.....	115,071	30	13.6	C20.6	1	C6	22
Atlanta, Ga.....	207,473	65	16.3	C19.1	7	C3	
Baltimore, Md.....	751,637	180	12.5	A19.1	22	A31	62
Birmingham, Ala.....	186,133	55	15.4	A18.2	10	A7	
Boston, Mass.....	757,634	203	14.0	A18.6	27	A42	73
Bridgeport, Conn.....	149,967	29	10.1	A17.2	3	A6	38
Buffalo, N. Y.....	519,608	134	13.4	C17.8	26	C23	100
Cambridge, Mass.....	110,444	35	16.5	A14.1	2	A6	36
Camden, N. J.....	119,672	13	7.8		1		
Chicago, Ill.....	2,780,655	628	11.8	A15.4	94	A130	
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	403,418	111	14.3	C17.9	13	C13	86
Cleveland, Ohio.....	831,138	169	10.6	C18.0	24	C32	64
Columbus, Ohio.....	245,358	54	11.5	C16.7	4	C10	46
Dallas, Tex.....	165,282	37	11.7	A13.9	6	A3	
Dayton, Ohio.....	158,119	35	11.5	C16.9	5	C4	82
Denver, Colo.....	263,152	70	13.9	A14.8	5		
Detroit, Mich.....	1,070,450	211	10.3		52		98
Fall River, Mass.....	120,668	27	11.7	C19.9	4	C16	60
Grand Rapids, Mich.....	141,197	28	10.3	C21.0	2	C5	34
Houston, Tex.....	144,340	37	13.4		4		
Indianapolis, Ind.....	325,215	74	11.9	C24.1	11	C19	85
Jersey City, N. J.....	302,788	66	11.4	C15.5	12	C13	
Kansas City, Kans.....	103,908	20	10.0		2		48
Kansas City, Mo.....	336,157	89	13.8	C20.5	9	C13	
Los Angeles, Calif.....	611,636	185	15.8	A14.1	17	A13	80
Louisville, Ky.....	236,083	78	17.2	C28.3	4	C14	46
Lowell, Mass.....	113,757	20	9.2	A18.6	2	A8	32
Milwaukee, Wis.....	468,396	99	11.0	A13.4	21	A23	102
Minneapolis, Minn.....	392,815	85	11.3	C16.8	12	C13	68
Nashville, Tenn.....	119,536	49	21.4	C33.5	3	C3	
New Bedford, Mass.....	125,012	22	9.2	A20.4	5	A12	77
New Haven, Conn.....	167,007	35	10.9	C12.2	1	C7	12
New Orleans, La.....	394,657	129	17.0	A19.0	11	A18	
New York, N. Y.....	5,751,867	1,327	12.0	C15.2	208	C239	82
Newark, N. J.....	424,885	98	12.0	C20.7	15	C19	
Norfolk, Va.....	121,260	24	10.3		3		53
Oakland, Calif.....	226,472	48	11.1	A10.7	5	A4	63
Omaha, Nebr.....	197,066	36	9.5		3		
Paterson, N. J.....	137,463	33	12.5		4		
Philadelphia, Pa.....	1,866,212	496	13.9	16.5	68	72	82
Pittsburgh, Pa.....	596,413	175	15.3	C26.7	23	C47	82
Portland, Oreg.....	264,859	52	10.2	C11.4	3	C11	30
Providence, R. I.....	239,645	63	13.7	C19.7	5	C9	
Richmond, Va.....	175,686	40	11.9	C19.6	9	C5	110
Rochester, N. Y.....	305,229	68	11.6	C13.6	9	C6	70
St. Louis, Mo.....	786,164	179	11.9	C19.8	17	C24	
St. Paul, Minn.....	237,781	46	10.1	C14.4	4	C8	40
Salt Lake City, Utah.....	121,595	26	11.1	A16.3	8		124
San Francisco, Calif.....	520,546	141	14.1	C15.2	13	C13	75
Seattle, Wash.....	327,227	62	9.9	A9.3	5	A7	42
Spokane, Wash.....	104,442	30	15.0	C10.0	2	C4	44
Springfield, Mass.....	135,877	26	10.0		4		60
Syracuse, N. Y.....	177,265	45	13.2	C20.1	7	C9	84
Toledo, Ohio.....	253,696	63	12.9	A17.5	8	A13	81
Trenton, N. J.....	122,760	32	13.6	A19.6	5	A8	
Washington, D. C.....	454,026	116	13.3	A16.7	11	A11	64
Wilmington, Del.....	113,408	31	14.3	C22.3	6		
Worcester, Mass.....	184,972	42	11.8	C17.9	1	C3	11
Yonkers, N. Y.....	103,324	15	7.6	A13.8	5	A4	113
Youngstown, Ohio.....	139,432	35	13.1		13		165

¹ Annual rate per 1,000 population.

² "A" indicates data for the corresponding week of the years 1913 to 1917, inclusive. "C" indicates data for the corresponding week of the year 1918.

³ Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 births—an annual rate based on deaths under 1 year for the week and estimated births for 1920. Cities left blank are not in the registration area for births.

⁴ Data based on statistics of 1915, 1916, and 1917.